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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7796**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 438

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 6, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 6, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Underground Plant Protection Service.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Hershman

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the operator of an underground utility facility located in Indiana to become a member of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (IUPPS) not later than September 1, 2004. The bill requires the IUPPS to: (1) record with county recorders the location of all of its members' underground facilities; and (2) receive notice of excavation or demolition projects potentially affecting its members' underground facilities. It also requires county recorders to refer to the IUPPS any person seeking to provide notice of an excavation or a demolition project that may affect underground utility facilities.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Municipal Utilities:* Municipally owned utilities with underground facilities would be subject to the provisions in this bill.

*County Recorders:* The provisions in this bill are not expected to have a significant impact on the administrative burden of county recorders' offices.

*Background Information:* This bill would require operators of underground utility facilities to become members of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (IUPPS). The nonprofit service is administered by member operators of underground utility facilities and acts as a notification clearinghouse

between excavators and member underground facility operators.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipally owned utilities; County recorders.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service, [www.iupps.org](http://www.iupps.org).

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